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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK.

THERE are a few hundred prayer-meeting cards left, with the subjects for June on them. They can be had at the rate of ten cents a hundred by sending to Charles R. Magee, 38 Bromfield St. Let each League buy a few, say one for each of its members.

We call your attention to the article, too long to be put in the Note-book, which appears in another column headed, "The Newest 'New Departure.'" We believe you will be pleased with the good news it brings you of the basis for the consolidation of all the young people's societies in our church. The new organization has a fortunate name; though no doubt many of you think our old name preferable — a full name of precious and suggestive associations, some of which Bro. Odell interestingly describes in his article. The organization is like that of our general society. The local auxiliaries are at liberty to have other names than the general name if they desire, though the use of the name "Epworth League" is preferred. They are not required to use the suggested constitution, though they are required to be a society whose officers and methods of work are approved by the quarterly conference or official board of their church.

4. Finally, the Epworth League represents a

True Home Life.

It was not necessary for the children of that rectory to go forth from under the parental roof to find either social enjoyment or literary entertainment. Everything which was necessary to meet the varied wants of growing youth was there provided, and the boys and girls remained around their own hearth. The Methodist Episcopal Church ought to be wise enough to see the needs of her young people and properly provide for their care. This League enters the field to assist in the very important work of furnishing the right kind of instruction, entertainment and culture to meet the all-around needs of religious, social and intellectual natures. It merits a hearty God-speed from every member of the church.

SOMETHING GREAT.

The trial was ended — the vigil past; Al clad in his arms was the knight at last, the godliest knight in the whole wide land, With face that shone wth a purpose grand. The king looked on him with gracious eyes, And said: "He is meet for some high enter-prise." To himself he thought: "I will conquer great."

So from the palace he rode away; There was trouble at need in the town that day; A child was born from his mother's side Help! cried the mother with sorrow wild — Help me, Sir Knight, to seek my child! The hungry wolves in the forest roamed; Help me to bring my lost son home!

He shook his hand from his bridle-rein: Alas! poor mother, you ask in vain; Some meaner succor will do, maybe, Some quiet or varied lot degree.

There are mighty wrongs in the world to right;

I am not here to fight; I am not here to stay;

I am not here to bear for your baby's sake,

But I ride in haste to do something great."

One winter night, when the stars had set, A cold wind blew from the northward side Help! weep! with such sorrow bowed.

Help! a weak and weary eye-

But for joy, nor grief, nor need he stayed.

And the years rolled on, and his eyes grew dim,

And he died — and none made mope for him.

He missed the good that he might have done;

He missed the blessings he might have won;

Seeking some glorious task to find,

His eyes to all blemish were blind.

He is that faithful in which is least,

Is bidden to sit at the heavenly feast.

Yet men and women lament their fate,

If they be not called to do something great."

— New York Tribune.

MINISTRY.

[Read at a meeting of the Boston Leagues at the First M. Church, Temple St.]

STUDYING for the ministry." Did you ever notice how the different people of the congregation speak those words concerning some young man in their midst, and in how many different keys?

The minister says them with a thrill of thankfulness in his voice that still one more young life is consecrated to the Master's special service. The young man's mother says them with thankfulness, too, that now her boy is safe; and with a little bit of pride, also, that he has selected and is fitted for such service. The older members of the church listen with great attention to all his words in the social meetings, and perhaps pronounce their amens a little louder and more frequently than is their wont. The majesty of those words are felt even among the young people of the church. Among these, as among others, the young theological student receives all due reverence. All his good qualities are magnified tenfold because, forsooth, he is "studying for the ministry." Because of this, any meeting which he may lead will have more of God's Spirit manifest in it — or so we young people reason; therefore, of course, we must attend that meeting, even if we do not attend the meeting led by some other less gifted young man. I admit that the greater part of this reverence of the young people is manifested by the young ladies; but then, you know that the next best thing for young Methodist women who want to be, but cannot be preachers, is to be preachers' wives.

But did it ever occur to you that we as Christians, especially as young Christians, have entered upon a course of study for the ministry? If not in the general sense of those words, yet none the less in a true sense. This college which we attend is the largest one in all the world; it has a peculiarity all its own — all who go there are alike professors and students. Its term is not for three or four years alone, but is for a lifetime. Its course of study is one to perfect our Christian character by a sweet ministry toward others. It consists of an adding to our faith, which is the only thing required, an entrance examination of the Christian virtues as given by Paul in 2 Peter 1, where he says, "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." The result of such a training as this is given, too, by Paul: "We shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." When we are neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Christ, then it is that we realize that any act of ours performed "for His sake," and "in His name," is indeed a ministry worthy of the name.

Then it is that we make our religion a life, and our life in turn a religion of love and self-sacrifice. Then it is that we follow our trust ideals, and are faithful to the best impulses of our natures. If our ideal is to be like Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, let us

"Look up and not down,
Look out and not in,
Look forward and not back,
And lend a hand."

Let us realize what a work there is for us to do in these rare days of our youth. Let us do what we can to think high thoughts, to love true things, to do noble deeds; do what we can to testify to the gospel of love and patience, working with all the power we have to dispel the clouds of superstition that overhang the world; do what we can to break the fetters of bigotry, and to increase the love and good-will in the world.

The real struggle of life is not for bread and clothing, but for ideals of truth and purity.

Let us enter into the struggle for the higher degrees in this college of the Christian life,

and after the study and ministry are over, receive our diploma at the Master's hands with the seal of His approval — the words: Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!

MIRANDA CROUCHER.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Millbury, Mass. — In honor of their recent pastor, Rev. W. C. Townsend, the League is called the "Townsend Y. P. C. L." The secretary, in her letter, writes most encouragingly of the work, mentioning especially the diligence and faithfulness of Mr. Townsend. There are 44 members, and the list is constantly increasing.

Mystic Bridge, Conn. — The Lord has prospered us, and for Him we work — such is this League's class-meeting testimony. Organized Jan. 1, 1888, with fifteen members, they number thirty-nine. During a revival in the church the young people held meetings every evening for three weeks, and were instrumental in bringing many to the Saviour. Thirteen of the members of the League have become probationers in the church. Florence Noyes, secretary, sends this encouraging news.

Neponset, Mass. — The League recently contributed \$65 towards the current expenses of the church. All the committees are organized. They intend taking up a course of reading.

East Providence, R. I. — The Gilbert Haven Y. P. C. L. was organized March 19, 1888, through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Starr. There are now fifty-four members. The devotional meetings are interesting and well attended. At every literary meeting a manuscript paper is read called the *Qui Vix*. A meeting was recently held to which G. A. R. Post, the Woman's Relief Corps, and a neighboring Y. P. S. Christian Endeavor were invited. The theme of the evening was "War Subjects." Everything indicates prosperity, according to this report.

Medford, Mass. — Young men are being converted in the Oxford League meetings. This is grand news. The League has furnished flowers for the church all winter. The secretary says: "The result of the past six months leads us to take courage and go forward."

Townsend, Mass. — The League reports success. Special mention is made of the lecture delivered by Rev. W. L. Haven.

Boston, Bromfield St. Church. — A very full and encouraging report has been received. The prayer-meetings on Sunday evening have had an attendance of from 80 to 130. "The devotional department has sought to acquaint the members of the League more fully with our church life by having the following papers read at our entertainments: "a paper on the "Rise of the Methodist Movement in Oxford University," another on "The Holy Club," still another on "Father Taylor, the Sailor Preacher." The temporary, missionary, visiting, literary and financial departments all make statements of their work. At the monthly meeting of the League, the retiring president, Rev. C. K. Brown, was present with a purse of over \$80 from the members of the League and his Sunday-school class. Mr. Brown, in thanking the League and its friends, expressed the hope that other young men coming from the West might find, as he had, that Eastern people were not cold and formal.

Marblehead, Mass. — The Y. P. C. L. of Marblehead reports progress. The secretary, L. B. Roff, writes: "We want to tell our sister Leagues about the love-feast which was held by our League, March 14. The Leagues from Swampscott, Peabody, Glenmore and B. V. were invited to join us, and were well represented. We were led by Rev. L. W. Adams, of Swampscott. A most enthusiastic meeting was held, 108 persons testifying to the saving power of the blood of Christ. We believe the influences of that meeting will be felt long after the event is forgotten. A number of our young people have testified to the new impetus they have received in the Christian life. Is not better way could the life and sociability of the different Leagues be promoted than by a series of those gatherings? Who will be the first to respond?"

A FINE REPORT.

Semi annual report of the Young People's Christian Union of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Fall River, Mass. —

Membership. — There has been a large increase in membership since the last report, owing to a can-vas of the young people. Present membership, 162.

Prayer meetings. — Average attendance, 15. The meetings have been very helpful to those who have sustained them. Bible readings have been given occasionally in the place of prayer-meetings, and these have been a great profit to the members.

Visiting Committee. — The last report of the chair of this committee shows that 450 calls have been made, mainly on the sick and aged members of the church and Union, during the past year.

Treasury. — The finances are in a prosperous condition: \$85 in the treasury, and all bills paid.

Entertainments. — Several entertainments have been given the past six months. They are held on the second Monday of the month, and consist of readings, vocal and instrumental music, and reading of the union paper, *The Gleaner*, by the editors.

THE LEAGUE AND MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Our Leagues can do much towards raising the tone of the church on the great missionary theme. A contribution from the treasury of every League to the general missionary collection would very materially help. But a higher intelligence and more concentrated devotion may be secured by holding occasional missionary meetings. In one of our churches recently a missionary meeting was held, and the programme was so interesting that we give an account of it here. The meeting was the usual church prayer service on Thursday night, but the topic could easily be taken up by our Leagues.

With thankfulness for the blessings of the past and the measure of success we have achieved, we press forward toward a greater efficiency in all departments of our work.

W. F. WINTER, Secy.

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After reading a selection of Scriptures and several prayers — brief, pointed and spiritual — the pastor made a few remarks on the general topic of missions.

Then ten young people read one after another selections from a poem entitled, "The Master is Calling." This was taken from the May number of the *Gospel in All Lands*. It represented voices from the mission fields speaking to the church at home. Then further on in the evening an exercise prepared for the occasion was introduced called, "I Believe in Missions." Eleven persons rose in order and began by saying, "I believe in missions, because — 1. Jesus was a missionary (John 17: 18); 2. Jesus established missions (Mark 16: 15); 3. They are in the Lord's Prayer, 'Thy kingdom come'; 4. Because Jesus died for all men (Heb 2: 9); 5. The early Christians were missionaries (Rom 10: 14, 15); 7. The heathen call for the Gospel; 'Come over into Macedonia and help us'; 8. Because, 'We then are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak'; 9. I believe in home missions because 'If any provide not for his own, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel'; 10. I believe in foreign missions because 'God is not respecter of persons,' and 'God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth'; 11. I believe in the success of missions because 'The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

This exercise was very pleasant, and gave much interest to the meeting. Then the pastor requested people to suppose themselves speaking to an audience of heathen, and asked them to tell what they would say.

The good Spirit was present, for they spoke promptly and feelingly. One brother said that he would tell them they need no longer lecture themselves, nor go on long journeys, nor offer cruel sacri-

fice, or once is the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

Another brother said he would tell the poor heathen people that "In my Father's house are many mansions."

He would tell of home. Very appropriately he closed his few words with this beautiful verse: —

"If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all."

A sister said: "I would tell of the joy and peace that I have in believing;" and another: "I would tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

It was a most delightful service throughout, and was thoroughly enjoyed. There is no patent on it.

OUTSIDE WORK.

From Waterville, Maine, comes this very clearing report. After speaking of the routine business of the League, the secretary writes as follows: —

"Now a little about outside work. Every Saturday night we invite 100 or 120 to the hotel for a service of the church and society. Invitations are also distributed on the streets to the young people Sunday afternoon, inviting them to our prayer-meeting. We have a paper, a tract box placed in the entry of the church for the reception of any religious reading material, and a box containing small books and papers and tracts to those who are destitute of such reading. Some are sent West, some South, and some distributed in our own State. The past winter our society provided food and clothing for a number of destitute families, as far as it was in our power to do."

REVIEW. F. N. UPHAM.

Though inland far we be,
Our souls have insight of that immortal sea
Which brought us hither.

— William Wordsworth.

A HERO OF TO-DAY.

THIS little island of Molokai, one of the

smallest and most inaccessible of the

twelve islands which form the Hawaiian

group, has recently been the scene of a heroic

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Our Book Table.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE FORERUNNER OF OUR LORD: His Life and Work. By Ross C. Houghton, D. D., New York: Hins & Eaton. Price, \$1.25.

Written in a clear style, like all of Dr. Houghton's works, this life of the Baptist is a contribution of value to the already increasing biographical literature of this marvelous man. The positions assumed by the writer are positive, though they have not the bitter, dogmatical spirit that often make such books of little practical value. He believes that the mode of John's baptism was aspiration or abnegation, but he has no harsh word for those who believe it was immersion. This volume maintains the reputation which Dr. Houghton gained by his "Women of the Orient," and "Ruth the Moabitess, the Ancestress of Our Lord." We therefore expect it to be widely read.

GROTTUS ON THE SATISFACTION OF CHRIST. Translated by Frank Hugh Foster, Ph. D. (Leipzig). Andover: W. F. Draper. Price, \$1.50.

This new and best translation of the Grotius theory of the Atonement will serve a purpose — to point out the extreme difficulty of formulating any rigid theory of the doctrine. Whether we agree with the theory or not, is of no consequence; but whether, if some of the bases of the theory are faulty and weak, the theory itself must fall, is another matter. Certainly the deeper light that has been thrown upon both the Old and New Testaments within the last twenty years has done this in great measure. The *a posteriori* method of this theory may be stated as follows, which will exhibit in a word its basis: There is sin which is to be forgiven, and for this satisfaction is made, and hence satisfaction is necessary. The weakness is manifest, for it presupposes that which it is its business to prove and establish. Less subtle, less metaphysical, less reasoning even, and more Biblical, under the focused illumination of God's presence to-day, would be much better for religion, for the expansion of Christianity, and for the eradication of evils which cry out for more of Christian practice and less of Christian theorizing.

THE TRAMP AT HOME. By Lee Meriwether. New York: Harper & Brothers.

This is an interesting volume, because it is written most interestingly; it is instructive, because it is the record of a keen observer who knows what to put down; it is useful, because the matter is very informative; it is sad, because it gives a view, though brief, of the sorrows of life; and it is cheerful, because of its faith and its sensible suggestions of remedies. Mr. Meriwether possesses the art of condensation so thoroughly that he can give in a paragraph what many other writers could not give in several pages, and then not clearly. The last chapter is an excellent illustration of this art. When we read Mr. Meriwether's experiences among Southern farmers, especially in the Tennessee "mountains," we get a glimpse of how fertile a field of life and character Charles Egbert Craddock had for her strong and peculiar tales. Mr. Meriwether's volume should be read for its value as well as for its interest. He is an ardent free-trader, and rightly says that the farmers are robust of their legitimate profits to pay bounties to the manufacturers. His reference to fact, and his comments on them, are suggestive.

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in their Assembly last general revision, declined to do so by fifteen pre- sented the whole question to the various presbyteries. The reply to the following resolution en- ders to the convention which the time is changed clock, and opening all the public unless otherwise or- spake upon the interests in our church, during there were 38 educational institutions of Mr. Dorchester, and the time was changed to the 1st of June. The first sermon in Oklahoma was delivered by a local preacher. He was given thanks for his able and inter-

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Pelham. — Lee & Phillips sued the Pelham Methodist Church last week for the value of a farm e the church the society claimed I would not leave. The case was tried by Judge Farnsworth, and D. W. Bond, esq., appeared for the church and Lawyer Hamlin for Lee & Phillips. The hearing of the case occupied three days, with a host of witnesses, and the judge found for the church.

Athol. — The third year of the present pas- torate opens with great promise of substantial growth. Since Conference three have been converted and three baptized. The interest is growing in the meetings. A Y. P. C. L. course has been organized, and will prove of material service in church work. The vestry is to be increased with folding chairs, thus making it more attractive. This will put the whole interior of the church in first-class condition. The audience-room, having been remodeled a year ago, is pronounced by a good judge one of the best in the district. The popularity of Rev. W. N. Richardson and his good wife was pleasantly demonstrated at a reception given them after their return. The Temple of Honor united with the church and did the af- fair in fine style. The local pastors were present and made fraternal and congratulatory remarks. A beautiful organ was served in the "Temple" hall, after which the pastor and his wife were called forward, and with appropriate words were presented with a six- inch roll of greenbacks. The union of the temperance organizations with the church was a graceful acknowledgement of the part which Bro. R. has taken in that work. During the last campaign he has done splendid work. It is very pleasant to have one's faithfulness thus appreciated.

Holyoke. — The trustees have purchased a lot for the parsonage on Beebe St., a very de- sirable location, and the house is now being erected. As soon as plans are selected,

ries of sermons Sunday mornings to special classes — young women, young men, aged people, children, etc. — which has increased the attendance. In his recent absence at Madison, Mrs. Mudge preached a sermon on Joseph, to the great gratification of the people. The Young People's Christian League is particularly flourishing.

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

New Bedford District. — At the Centenary Church, Provincetown, the new pastor, Rev. S. McBurney, has been very heartily received. The parsonage has been thoroughly renovated and much improved in many ways. The congregations at the preaching service have been large. The sale of pews was quite unusual for the enthusiasm manifested, and also for the large amount of the sales. The premiums amounted to nearly \$400, and the whole sale aggregated about \$1,600, and still the sale continues. The pastor and people are well pleased with the present condition of things, while the outlook for the year is a very encouraging one. Bro. McBurney is to deliver the address on Decoration Day at East Bridgewater.

The annual meeting of the Sunday-school Society connected with the Pleasant St. Church, New Bedford, was held on the evening of May 13. The reports presented show that the membership of the school is 655, with a corps of officers and teachers numbering 64. Receipts for the year amounted to \$337, and the expenditures to \$333. They have in the library 1,118 books. Frank Renney was elected superintendent.

The monthly issue of *Le Methodist Fran- americain* for May, edited by Rev. H. E. Benoit of Woonsocket, R. I., is very interesting number. The editor is superintendent of the French Missions within the bounds of the New England Southern Conference. Bro. Benoit is doing a very important work among our French population, a part of which is in this district. He makes a most earnest appeal for financial aid to carry on the work so successfully begun one year ago. He is carrying a very heavy burden, and is worthy of the assistance that he solicits.

At the First Church, Taunton, the annual sale of seats took place on Monday evening, May 13. The sale was considered a very successful one. The premiums for choice of seats amounted to \$63. There were six persons that paid \$50 each for choice of pews, and a large number who paid smaller sums. The new pastor, Rev. E. C. Bass, D. D., is making an excellent impression. His public services have been very satisfactory. In the absence of the pastor, he occupied the pulpit of the Winthrop St. Baptist Church in the morning of May 19. X. Y. Z.

Montpelier District. — The Seminary experiences a great loss in the sudden death of Bro. P. E. Chase, of Mechanicville, who died suddenly en route to New York on a business trip. Bro. Chase was a prominent man in his country, and was a member of the State senate a short time since. A son of his was at the Seminary at the time of the death.

At the first quarterly meeting of the year at Waitsfield twelve were baptized, mostly young people. The entire service was very interesting, and a goodly number were out to hear the feast in the morning. In the absence of oxen, the pastor exchanged with Bro. H. Webster, of Moretown, who attended the quarterly meeting. The church at Waitsfield still enjoys a revival spirit, and God is saving His people. The social meetings are well attended, and Bro. G. O. Howe, the pastor, looks forward to a year of great prosperity.

So long as the Springfield District correspondent has not chronicled this event, the writer takes this privilege of doing it, as he was present and knew of the facts. Shortly after Conference occurred the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gillett, of South Royalton. Finding this out, the good people of that parish gave them a surprise party, filling the parsonage and melting the hearts of the occupants glad by their congratulations and good wishes. Just before the serving of refreshments the writer was called upon to make a few remarks and to present Bro. Gillett and wife, on behalf of their parishioners, with an elegant hanging-lamp and a gold-lined silver tea-set of beautiful design. Bro. Gillett is rich in the affections of his people, and is doing a good work in the field to which he was called. The repairs on the church will begin soon, and ere long the people there will have a modern and convenient church edifice in which they can worship God. The present building, which has been the scene of many Gospel triumphs, will be purified and such additions will be made as to cause it to conform to the needs of the people and the style of architecture now in vogue.

Topleyville. — Our Country: Its Enemies and How to Conquer Them, was the subject of the discourse delivered last Sabbath before Post No. 9, G. A. R., and the Ladies' Relief Corps. The church was finely decorated, for which the committee, consisting of Bros. Hyatt, Perry, Caird and Lewis, should be highly praised. On Thursday, May 2, the Y. P. C. L. held its first anniversary. Bro. Butterfield read "The Revival at Batville." Representatives from the Christian Endeavor Societies of Peabody, Salem, Danvers and West Peabody were present. B.

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Ware. — Bro. Benjamin Davis was recently struck with paralysis. While all hope of his recovery is not abandoned, his age makes his case very serious.

Vermont Conference.

In the sudden death of Capt. P. E. Chase, of Mechanicville, the church that he pastored and the community as a whole have suffered an almost irreparable loss. Mr. Chase left his home in usual health last Monday in company with his wife's mother, Mrs. Barrett, for Thompsonville, Conn., at which place another married daughter resided — Mrs. Bugbee, the wife of the Congregational pastor, with whom she was intending to remain for awhile. Mr. Chase, though somewhat weary with his journey, was very cheerful with his friends during the evening after his arrival at T., and was in excellent spirits when he returned to his room for the night. He was intending to proceed to New York in the morning, which necessitated an earlier breakfast than was usual. The bell was rung for his rising in the morning, and somewhat later, but not having made his appearance, Mrs. Bugbee's young daughter went into the parlor immediately under the room which he occupied and sat down to the piano and played, thinking that would awaken him if he had failed to hear the bell. Still he did not respond, and Mrs. Barrett proposed to her daughter, Mrs. Bugbee, that she go and ascertain what was ill with him. This she did, and gaining no response at the door, entered the room, when she was greatly shocked at finding him dead in his bed, lying on one side with his hand under his face as he probably composed himself when he retired on the previous evening.

Bro. John Morse supplies at Newark St., this year in addition to his regular work. He is "abundant in labor," and sometimes gives "stripes above measure," but success always attends him.

Rv. C. W. Cushing, D. D., of Wheeling, Va., preached an abler sermon to a large congregation at East Burke on a recent Sabbath.

The brethren will be happy to hear that our aged and genial brother, H. P. Cushing, has so far improved as to be able to attend the Sunday morning service quite frequently.

His remains, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee, were brought to his residence at Mechanicville on Wednesday, and funeral services were held on Thursday, the whole community, as well as many from other towns, being in attendance, throning the church, while hundreds remained out-

side unable to gain even standing room within. The general management of the funeral was under the direction of Rev. S. B. Currier, the newly-appointed pastor, whom Mr. Chase had received with great cordiality. Rev. J. Knight, under whose ministry he was converted some seventeen years ago, was present, as was also Rev. J. W. Guernsey, a former preaching elder and a friend of the family. Both of these gentlemen participated in the services, as did also Mr. King, pastor of the Baptist Church. The sermon was by the writer.

Mr. Chase leaves a wife, a daughter who is married to Mr. Z. B. Babbit, and a son who is pursuing a course of study at the Methodist Seminary at Montpelier. Mr. Babbit has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in Cambridge and in the N. E. Conference in his sorrow. Mrs. Miller was his good angel, cheering and inspiring him. Her excellent qualities of mind and heart endeared her to all who knew her. Her unselfish zeal in the Master's service was contagious. It is expected that the new church edifice, in the erection of which she was so deeply interested, will be begun this year.

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SPIRIT VOICES.

"Come on! come on!" the Voices cried; "These farther heights are fair and calm; Here bloom the rose and grows the balm, Here's rest beneath the groves of palm; Come, and be satisfied!"

I hasten on with eager feet, The while the Voices pleading cried, For I was long unsatisfied — So many hopes had been denied, And pants left incomplete.

But when I reached th' enchanted hills, The Voices far and fainter seemed; The joy and rest of which I dreamed Were promises still unredemed, For earth no poor heart fills.

Chill winds swept past on either side; The flow'rs I sought were touched with frost, The pleasant paths with hedge-crossed, I could n't find my loved and lost — I was not satisfied.

"Come up! come up!" the Voices cried; "Here is a place beyond the skies Where every joy and blessing lies, Where never any fair hope dies, Or any life base."

The heavenly plains are fair and wide, Th' immortal hills are crowned with light; Here, faith gives place to sense and sight, Here, all the dwellers walk in white, And forever abide.

Here, sighs are hushed and tears are dried, No souls are ever passion-tossed, No flowers are touched with blighting frost; Here, thou shall find the loved you lost!" And thus the Voices cried.

And though long years I here abide, Some time I will arise and go Where only healing fountains flow, And restful palms of blessings grow, And there be satisfied.

LLILLIAN GREY.

DECORATION.

"Mousie O dudle dinna plenis."

'Mid the flower-clad tombs I stand
Blasting the air with my hand,
Comes in what soldier grave
Sleeps the bravest of the brave?

Is it he who sank to rest
With his head on his breast?
It's Jeannet who lies a tomb a shrine;
Griefs end him; he's not mine.

Oe low grave, you trees beneath,
Bear no roses, wear no wreath;
Yet no more high and warm
Ever dared the battle-storm.

Never gleamed a prouder eye
In the front of victory;
Never foot had firmer tread
On the field where hope lay dead.

They are hid within the tomb
Where the untended grasses bloom,
And no stone with leigned dust
Mocks the sacred lone distress.

Youth and beauty, dauntless will,
Dreams that life could ne'er fulfill,
Here lie buried; here in peace
Wrongs and woes have found release.

T. W. Higginson.

CALVARY.

Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a sable cry,
A man went forth to die
For me.

Thorn crowned His blessed head,
Blood stained His every tread;
Cross-laden, on His spad,
For me.

Pierced glow His hands and feet,
Three hours o'er His beat
Kneels thys noon-tide heat
For me.

Thus wert Thou made all mine;
Lord, make me wholly Thine;
Grant grace and strength divine
To me!

In thoughts and word and deed
Thy will to do, Oh, lead
My soul, e'en though it bleed,
To Thee!

— F. P. P., in Boston Pilot.

LEAGUE PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS FOR JUNE.

June 2. Topic — "Paul and Silas in Prison." Read Acts 10: 25-34.

1. True Christians often have severe trials and afflictions in this world. The Master frequently foretold that this would be the case. These trials and afflictions come not only because "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth"; but also because Satan pays special attention to those who most seriously interfere with him. It is better, however, "to suffer affliction, if need be, with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season."

2. True Christians may be *happy* in spite of trial and affliction. Paul and Silas sang praises unto God at midnight, although unjustly imprisoned and suffering severe bodily pain. They had learned the secret of rejoicing in the Lord always.

3. True Christians may be *faithful* and *loyal* in the midst of affliction. After having spent several hours of such agony as few of us will ever be called upon to experience, they were yet faithful in improving the first opportunity of doing good, and loyal in preaching the gospel of the Crucified One to the first sinner who needed it.

4. True Christians may be *useful* in spite of circumstances. The preaching of Paul and Silas that night resulted in the conversion of a whole family. He who desires to be useful will always find opportunities.

June 9. Topic — "Isaiah's Vision." Read Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Among the many thoughts suggested by this passage these three may be noticed:

1. Isaiah's vision revealed to him his *sinsfulness* (verse 5). When he caught a glimpse of the awful holiness of God, his own impurity became overwhelmingly apparent. This revelation of sinsfulness, or, as we sometimes term it, conviction of sin, is a part of every normal Christian experience, and is the beginning of it.

2. There was the assurance of *forgiveness* and *cleansing* (verse 7). This was as real and vivid a revelation as was his sinsfulness, and this, too, should be found in every Christian experience. All Christians do not have an abiding and satisfying assurance of pardon and cleansing, but they may have it.

3. There was *bogot* in the heart of Isaiah the spirit of service (verse 8). This may come from gratitude, or he may have had a clearer understanding of the wretchedness and need of the people round about him. At all events, he does not wait to be asked, much less to be coaxed and urged. He promptly and cheerfully offers himself for any service to which God shall call him.

How does this experience correspond with

ours? What is our testimony as to the second and third thoughts?

June 16. Topic — "Watch." Read Mark 13: 32-37.

1. This is a command made to all people. "What I say unto you, I say unto all." There are no people whose circumstances are so favorable that they can afford to lessen their watchfulness. The first sin was committed in heaven.

2. Using the word in its broader sense, we may say, first, that there are certain things we are to watch for; and, second, there are certain things we are to watch against. Let the leader use his own ingenuity in giving illustrations under each head.

3. In describing the way in which we are to watch, we may say, first, we are to watch *prayerfully*. A Christian watching without prayer may discover opportunities and dangers, but will be unable either to improve the one or successfully meet the other; second, we are to watch in *all directions*. If all the doors but one are guarded, it will avail nothing, for the enemy will come in through the one unguarded door; third, we are to watch *all the time*. When we least think it, we may be within reach of the most glorious opportunities, or surrounded by the most insidious and dangerous forms of temptation.

June 23. Topic — "The Invitation." Read Rev. 22: 17.

1. Those who invite.

1. The Spirit. We may be sure that His part of the work of invitation is always done and thoroughly done. There will be none in the meeting, excepting perhaps very small children, to whom the Spirit has not come in invitation more than once.

2. The bride, the church. In every service of the church the way to the altar should always be open, and an honest expression of desire to become a Christian ought never to be thought out of order. Whenever circumstances admit of it, the invitation should be given in words by the leader.

3. He that inviteth. This has reference to individual effort, and if there is failure in giving the invitation, it will probably be at this point. What have we done to invite people to Christ? Has any one been invited by us as past week, or month, or year?

II. Those who are invited.

1. The thirsty. Those who long for God and heaven and purity. May it not be that many of this class are in the circle of our influence, and only waiting for an invitation?

2. Whosoever will. This is a familiar thought, and needs no special comment. It forms a grand basis for an exhortation to immediate decision, at the close of a meeting. In some of the League's souls will accept the invitation as it shall be given at this meeting. Make this true of your League.

June 30. Consecration meeting. Read 2 Cor. 13: 5.

We have been asked if the pastor ought not to lead the consecration meeting. He ought, providing there is no one else who can make the meeting one whose thought shall be real and deep consecration. In some of the Leagues it is found that this meeting does not differ at all from the others. Great care should be taken in the selection of the leader. Let him or her be a person hungering and thirsting for more of the spirit of the Master and possessing tact and experience, and there need be little difficulty.

REV. F. H. KNIGHT.

Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to day.

— Selected.

THE NEWEST "NEW DEPARTURE."

FOR the past five or six years there have been a number of attempts made to provide for the general stimulus and direction of the young life of our church in that period between childhood and fully matured manhood and womanhood which we call youth.

In 1883 the Young People's Methodist Alliance was formed, with its headquarters in Chicago, Ill. In 1884 the Oxford League was started, under the auspices of the Centennial Conference of the American Methodist churches at Baltimore, Md. It was adopted by the Sunday School Union of the Methodists; Episcopal Church and managed from their office in New York. Neither of these societies were at the start general societies, providing for a variety of auxiliaries. Since the date mentioned there have been organized three such societies aiming at the inclusion of existing societies as well as the creation of new ones under suggested constitutions — the Young People's Christian League, with its centre at Boston, Mass.; the Young People's Methodist Union, with its headquarters at Detroit, Mich.; and the Young People's Methodist Episcopal Alliance, of the North Ohio Conference. All along there has been growing a desire for the unification of these societies into one organization, with its different sectional branches, gathering into local groups in our churches our young people, leading them to the attainment of the highest spiritual life and evangelistic efficiency, and to self-culture in all their intellectual and social life, together with that loyal love for their church which helps rather than hinders a truly catholic spirit.

In accord with this growing desire, and pursuant to a call by the executive board of the Alliance, a conference of twenty-seven regularly accredited delegates was held in the Central Church, Cleveland, Ohio, May 13 and 14, for the preparation of a basis of consolidation, or, to use the current phraseology, "the organization of a Young People's Trust." Mr. Willis W. Cooper, of the Alliance, was elected permanent chairman, and Rev. C. B. Spencer, of the Union, secretary. The sessions were full of the Divine Presence. The discussions, though very wide-awake and full of individualism, were carried on in love. Irretrievably the hand of the Lord wrought out unity of spirit, and made the conclusion a happy one.

The new society was named the "Epworth League," from the quiet English village where the founder of our church was born, whose early home was so perfect a type of a spiritual, intelligent, cultivated, mutually and generally helpful social life — a life which, it is hoped, will be reproduced in its essential features among our young men and young women in all our churches. The general management was vested in a Board of Control, five of whom are to be appointed by the Bishops, five elected by the Sunday School Union (one of whom shall be the corresponding secretary of the Union), five elected by the Tract Society, and two from each General Conference district elected by the auxiliaries in that district, one of whom shall be the corresponding secretary of that district. There are to be no general officers save a corresponding secretary, to be elected annually by the Board of Control.

For the present, and doubtless for many years to come, Dr. J. L. Huibert is to be the corresponding secretary.

A local constitution was adopted, and a pledge prepared to be published in the by-laws for the optional use of new or re-organized auxiliaries. The colors — white, with scarlet thread — suggesting purity through our

Lord's Atonement, were adopted. The motto, "Look Up and Lift Up," was selected, to be used with two sentences, one from the writings of John Wesley: "I desire to form a league offensive and defensive with every soldier of Jesus Christ;" and the other from Bishop Simpson: "We live to make our own church a power in the land while we live to love every other church which exists our Christ." It was voted to ask our publishers to make some modifications in *Our Youth*, to adapt it to be an organ of the new society.

It is impossible to now estimate the importance of this new movement, in which it is to be hoped our pastors and people will heartily interest themselves.

WILLIAM INGRAHAM HAVEN.

Not to him who rashly dares,
But to him who nobly bears,
Is the victor's garland given.

— J. G. Whittier.

MARY HAWES DANCED.

When the war closed, he made an effort to find his generous foe, but was met with the information that he had fallen while leading a charge at Gettysburg, and that his body had been sent back to his Ohio home for burial.

The years passed on — prosperous years they proved to Dr. Jack Gordon, the promise of whose youth had been more than fulfilled.

A score of years after he had met his enemy on the field of Chancellorsville, he was called to Columbus on business, and being there on Decoration Day, he conceived the idea of running out to the little hamlet that had once been Hugh's home to lay a floral offering upon his grave. When he arrived, the country-folk who had come from near and far were scattered all over the churchyard; so he had no trouble in finding the lot where the gallant captain was buried. As he knelt to lay his rare offering on the grave, the words woven in the cross, "In His name," attracted the attention of a tall, soldierly looking man who up to this moment had been eyeing the distinguished stranger intently.

Stepping forward, he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the kneeling figure, exclaiming, "The grave does not give up its dead, but surely you are Jack Gordon."

"That is my name, and I have come to lay a love offering upon the tomb of one who, while he was an enemy, nobly stood between me and death," said the doctor, wiping a tear from his eye. Then, as a swift glance revealed the truth, he grasped the hand outstretched to him, saying, "The voice I hear is that of Hugh Garrett surely, but whose grave is this?"

Pointing to the inscription on the marble slab at the head, the captain said: "He was my brother, and no better life was ever given to him in the world. The League tells grandly on the prayer meeting, Sunday-school, and, in fact, in every department of our church work. Especially is the religious element prominent. Conversations among our young people have been frequent. God bless the Young People's Christian League!"

This is an encouraging word. All our Leagues ought to be of real spiritual help to the church, and not a drag. In striking contrast to this is the following from another section of the country:

"Your card in reference to the Young People's Christian League is received, and would state that we have found it very difficult to carry on the meetings for lack of members willing to take part in the meetings. We have numbers enough who will come to be with us, but we have not had a meeting of the League for a year, winter, and the prayer meeting in connection with the same has also been discontinued. It was held half an hour previous to the regular prayer meeting, on Sabbath evening. Could we have found a leader to take charge of the meetings, and not change leaders each meeting, it would have continued until the present time. We worked hard to make it live religiously, but this we were unable to do, and so we have given it up."

Try again, brother! Send to 805 Broadway, New York, for all their circulars about the Epworth League. Read them carefully. Look over all the reports in *Our Youth* and the Zion's Herald League Edition for the past six months, and see if you cannot find some helpful suggestions. Begin with the three or four who are full of purpose and tell them about the Epworth family life and what its influence meant to the world. Have courage yourself, and you will find some who will take hold with you for Christ's sake. Try again!

BELLE V. CHISHOLM.

We little dream of the conflict
Fought in each human soul,
And earth knows not of her heroes
Upon God's honor roll.

— Eben E. Rexford.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Bishop Walden tells of a woman who never spends more than \$100 a month for her clothing, who has contributed over \$1,700 for missionary work in Mexico.

The new industrial home for women who have renounced polygamy has been opened at Salt Lake City. Its support is provided for by the United States Government.

Two girls, sisters, in New Orleans, have gone into the dairy business. They have large stables, milk cows, and appear to be doing well. The business is a paying one.

Miss Emily Balch has gained the European scholarship at Bryn Mawr College, which gives her \$600 towards a year's study and residence at some university, English or Continental.

Mrs. S. A. Sawyer, of Boulder, Colo., has been for ten years her husband's business partner in the principal book store of the city. She is to be the first woman to be elected to the board of directors.

Mrs. C. E. Cleveland in remembrance of the courtesies she extended to the authors while she was living in the White House.

A Woman's Directory is to be published in Chicago soon, giving the names and addresses of 30,000 women of that city who belong to various religious, benevolent, and political organizations. The book was compiled for the purpose of estimating the number of women in Chicago who were interested in work not purely personal, and to encourage them to greater unity of effort.

A lady teacher of Detroit, Mich., is reported as saying: "We shall have to mark the now that we have a woman elected for school inspector. I expect she will bring her knitting and stay all day, and look into everything, and want to make reforms. I would a good deal rather have a man, because he never knows anything and won't take the trouble to find out."

Says the N. Y. Sun: "There is a woman in this city who is an author, a doctor, an artist, and an actress. After breakfast in the morning she spends a couple of hours over the manuscript of the story or essay which she has been employed to write. From 10 to 12 she practices medicine and receives patients in her office. She next works at her easel as a painter till 6, and makes pictures for which she finds buyers. After dinner and an hour's rest, she betakes herself to a theatre, where she plays the light part for which she may be set down in the cast. Besides all, she is a mother, knows how to make her own clothes, and understands how to use her income from all her professions. And yet there are men in New York who talk of the inferiority of the female sex as compared with their own."

"Can I not help him for Jesus' sake?" he asked himself. "He cannot be ministered to, but to minister. In His name I can and will help even Jack Gordon," he said as he picked up the gun of his enemy and mounted guard over him. Pointing the weapon at the captain, he said in a commanding voice, "Swear that you will never reveal what you have seen here to-night. Be quick about it, too." The frightened fellow obeyed without a word, and then slunk away to muse over "Massa Hugh's queeness," as he termed it.

The servant out of the way, the captain took up the duty of the picket and kept watch over his enemy till early dawn. When Jack awoke and beheld the dark face bending over him, he trembled violently, fearing that his day of reckoning had surely come.

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The Sunday School.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON X.

Sunday, June 9.
Mark 15: 1-20.

BY REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

1. The Lesson Introduced.

1. GOLDEN TEXT: "Pilate said unto them, Take ye him and crucify him" (John 19: 6).

2. DATE: A. D. 33, early on Friday morning, April 7.

3. PLACES: The Hall Gazzith in the temple, and the Roman Praetorium.

4. PARALLEL NARRATIVES: Matthew 27: 1-51; Luke 22: 66-71; 23: 1-25; John 18: 28-40; 19: 1-10.

HOME READINGS.

Jesus before Pilate, Mark 15: 1-10.
Tuesday, Jesus before Pilate, Mark 15: 11-20.
Wednesday, Pilate's questions, John 18: 28-36.
Thursday, Pilate's fear, John 19: 4-16.
Friday, Prophecy and fulfillment, Acts 4: 23-30.
Saturday, Peter's charge, Acts 3: 12-18.
Sunday, Whitsunday, Acts 2: 1-12.

II. The Lesson Story.

The decision against Jesus agreed upon in the night examination before Caiphas, was promptly ratified by the council at a meeting in the early morning. Then, surrounded by His accusers, and bound (to prevent escape), Jesus was conducted to Pilate's judgment hall.

The priests first endeavored to procure His condemnation on the mere decision of the council. This the prosecutor declined to grant. Forced, therefore, to present a political accusation — one that would bring the prisoners within the cognizance of Roman law — they brought forward His claim of royalty: He professes to be the king of the Jews, they alleged, and tries to persuade the people to give tribute to Caesar. On this, Pilate took Jesus aside and questioned Him privately, eliciting simply the admission that His kingdom was not of this world, and that He came to bear witness to the truth. Convinced of His innocence, Pilate returned to the priests and declared that he found no fault in Jesus requiring punishment. This acquittal was followed by a turbulent repetition of the charge, during all which Jesus preserved a dignified silence, even when the governor, amazed at His strange composure, asked Him why He did not defend Himself.

Pilate perceiving that he had made a mistake, and tried to throw the responsibility on the people. Crucify him. — The "wild-beast" spirit had gained the ascendancy in the mob, and nothing now but the ignominious and acerb punishment of the cross would satisfy them. Jesus' friends were either overawed or absent.

14. What will he then do? — the third time Pilate had asked this question. He had proposed to the people to scourge Jesus, and then let Him go, but the time had gone by for such a tampon proposition. Cristed out exceeding — an uproar that would not be quieted. All Pilate's expostulations were drowned in the force outcry. The people were ready to take all the responsibility. His blood should be on them and their children. Pilate might wash his hands, or go through any other farcical performance, if only he would yield. How could He be divine, and not release Himself from fates, not even vindicate Himself?

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Review of the Week.

Tuesday, May 21.

The steamer "Johns Hopkins" was burned at Baltimore, Md.

Over 400 of the American sailors wrecked at Samoa arrive at San Francisco.

Changes are to be made in the representation of the United States in Ontario.

The Canadian and Imperial authorities will make extensive improvements in the Pacific coast defences.

The Boston Chamber of Commerce discussed proposed sites for a new building, but no decision was reached.

Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Cleveland's mother, was married at Jackson, Mich., to Henry E. Perrine of Buffalo, N. Y.

In the libel suit brought by Mr. William O'Brien against Lord Salisbury, the damages are laid at \$10,000.

The United States Supreme Court decides that a notary public cannot legally administer an oath to a United States official.

In the House of Commons the bill providing for additional naval defences passed its third reading by a vote of 183 to 101.

Three more men have been arrested charged with complicity in the stealing of tickets from the New York & New England Road.

The House of Lords, by a vote of 108 to 23, rejected a proposal made by the Earl of Meath to allow women to sit in county councils.

Dr. Cronin's friends offer \$5,000 reward for information that will convict his murderers and \$2,000 for information that will prove the doctor is still alive.

Malietoa, the ex-king of Samoa, expresses, in a communication to Admiral Kimberly, a strong desire for peace, and wants to be under the United States protection.

Wednesday, May 22.

Death of Hon. Lucius W. Pond at Worcester.

Prince George of Greece has joined the French navy.

It is reported that Germany consents to restore King Malietoa.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster wants her husband appointed register of the treasury.

All the shares in the new copper syndicate in Paris have been taken by the old concern.

William O'Brien testifies before the special commission. He says he approves boycotting.

The Shah of Persia arrived at Moscow. He was welcomed with military honors by General Dolgoroukoff.

Professor John E. Russell accepts the Mark Hopkins professorship of intellectual and moral philosophy at Williams College.

In the Illinois House the bill to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquors in that State was defeated by a vote of 55, 55.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad applies to the Connecticut legislature for privilege to increase its capital stock \$35,000,000.

The Canadian Pacific railway line between Minneapolis and New England points, via Montreal, will be opened for passenger traffic on June 3.

The British steamer "German Emperor" was sunk by collision with the British steamer "Beresford"; six men belonging to the "German Emperor" are missing.

The collier in Pittston, Pa., which have been shut down for nearly seven months, resumed operations yesterday on full time, giving employment to nearly 8,000 men and boys.

The bill to authorize the American Bell Telephone Company to increase its capital from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 was passed to be engrossed in the Massachusetts House yesterday.

Thursday, May 23.

King Humbert is enjoying a cordial reception at Berlin.

The Connecticut House adopts the secret ballot bill.

Robert T. Lincoln, the new American minister, arrives in England.

The question of indemnity is left by the Samoan conference to their working committee.

Latest information from Hayti indicates that Hippolyte's forces are gaining ground.

Mrs. Gladstone was presented with a diamond brooch by the Women's Liberal Federation.

The steamer "Cynthia" was sunk in a collision in the St. Lawrence and eight seamen were drowned.

St. Pierre, May 1, advises state that 175 French fishermen, bound for the Newfoundland fisheries, have been drowned.

The body of Dr. P. H. Cronin, the Irish-American who strangely disappeared from his home in Chicago two weeks ago, was found some distance north of Chicago in a sewer on Evanson Avenue.

News from San Francisco is to the effect that while there is reason to believe that the new cruiser "Charleston" will ultimately succeed in fulfilling the contract requirements, much remains to be done upon the vessel, and probably at the government's expense.

Friday, May 24.

The trial of General Boulanger has been postponed until August.

Two new large guns have been completed for the monitor "Miantonomah."

A Virginia clergyman and four members of his family were burned to death Wednesday night.

There is a report that the war ship "Boston" will carry out a commission to investigate affairs in Hayti.

A very large majority of the delegates chosen to both the North and South Dakota Constitutional Conventions are Republicans.

The Navy Department will soon advertise for proposals for the construction of three new cruisers of a little larger than the "Yorktown."

The stockholders of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford ask legislative intervention to prevent the sale of the controlling interest of the company.

A gas pipe bomb, filled with powder and large buckshot, was thrown through the kitchen window of Mrs. C. M. Weld at Jamaica Plain last evening, tearing a hole in the floor and doing other damage to the room.

Saturday, May 25.

Henry W. Sage gives Cornell an endowment of \$900,000 for library.

Laura D. Bridgeman, the blind deaf-mute, died at the Somers Bay Asylum.

A settlement has been reached between the mine owners and strikers in Germany.

In a mounted broadsword contest at Montreal, Duncan C. Ross nearly killed his opponent.

The remains of Inventor Erickson will be taken to Sweden on the cruiser "Chicago."

Queen Victoria, in honor of her seventieth birthday, created three baronets and a knight.

Contracts were awarded amounting to \$123,408 for building the addition to the Maine State House.

The pioneer expedition will sail from New York to-day for commencement of work on the Nicaragua canal.

Mr. John Bright bequeathed an estate valued at \$56,184 to his children. The will contains no particular bequests.

Mr. Gladstone was knocked down by a cab, but was not seriously injured. He ran after the cab, and had the driver arrested.

"The Yonic" had a rather uncomfortable experience with a hurricane — was thrown on her beam ends and lost most of her masts and boats.

All the directors of the Comptoir d'Escompte and the Societe des Moulins are included in the judicial proceedings instituted by the government.

The British Charitable Society celebrated the birthday anniversary of Queen Victoria and the seventy-second anniversary of its own organization.

The President appointed B. F. Gilkeson, of Pennsylvania, to be second comptroller of the currency, and S. B. Holiday, of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner of customs.

Pope Leo will protest against the erection of the proposed monument in Rome in honor of Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher, who was burned as a heretic in 1600.

A fearful railroad accident occurred at Sullivan, Mo. Nearly fifty people were injured, some of whom may die. The accident was caused by supposed train robbers, for whose capture a reward is offered.

The mother of Bishop, the mind reader, tested at the Fair in New York that her son had a trance once every day, and at another time for three days, and at both occasions was pronounced dead by physicians.

The Merchants' National Bank of New Haven has become involved by the irregular conduct of two officers of the bank. They have been carrying on a system of discounting notes without submitting the paper for the approval of the directors, and the crash has come.

Monday, May 27.

Hon. George Bancroft arrived at Newport Thursday evening.

The striking miners in the Kladno district in Bohemia now number 17,000.

Gen. Ignatius has been appointed assistant minister of the interior of Russia.

Ex-Secretary Endicott and Signourney Butler will form a law partnership in Boston.

Suicide of Rev. A. Gedney Schorr, assistant rector of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

Le Paris announces that the issue of Panama Canal lottery bonds has been abandoned.

Colonel Shepard advises Christians to boycott Sunday newspapers and those who advertise therein.

The Canard "Pavonia" arrives with 1,000 passengers on board, of whom 1,012 were in the steerage.

Hereafter the civil service commission will publish the list of eligibles for appointment to government service.

Mr. G. Clark, of Bangor, Me., will present the Maine State College with a herbarium embracing 30,000 specimens.

The marriage of ex-Secretary Bayard to Miss Mary Willing Clymer is announced to take place on June 12, in Washington.

At a meeting of Gen. Boulanger's supporters at his residence in London, it was decided to contest all the elections in France.

In five months, the police matrons of Philadelphia have had under their care 1,129 women and 183 children, besides a number of babies.

The British man-of-war "Surprise" was run ashore at Syracuse yesterday after being in collision with and sinking the steamer "Nesta".

The Southern Presbyterian Assembly indorsed a petition to Congress to adopt a law against Sunday work, except works of necessity and mercy.

The "removal" of Dr. Cronin is said to have been ordered by the Clan-na-Gael some time ago, on the ground that he was a traitor. In a very critical condition, and fears are entertained as to his recovery.

Sebe — A brief note from Bro. N. R. Turner, who is supplying our work at Sebe, brings the sad intelligence of the death of his wife. On the morning of May 21 she passed to her reward. We bespeak the prayers of the church for these afflicted brethren and their families.

CONANT.

We learn, as we go to press, of the death of Rev. Chas. B. Dunn, at Hampden, on Saturday last, at the age of 73. Rev. Dunn was one of the best known and most influential of the East Maine ministers. His death was due to paralysis of the heart.

the church at North Conway in the morning he was confronted with the audience-room beautifully decorated with flowers, and "Welcome" in large letters suspended from the ceiling over the pulpit, represented as borne by a dove which was hung just beneath the pastor's head to tears, and added another bond to the strong attachment between pastor and people. Bro. King has done excellent work on this charge the past year, and has cemented the two parts of the charge into a harmonious unity, giving promise of better days coming.

Augusta District.

The new year opens well at Gardiner and Oakland, and I trust also all over the district. At Waterville, two experienced religion last Sabbath, and one was received into the church by letter.

Bro. Alton received one by letter into the church at Fairfield last Sabbath. G. C. A.

EST MAIN CONFERENCE.

Bangor District.

The third quarterly meeting of the General Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in Wiley Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, O., April 26 and 27, Mrs. Dr. John Davis presiding. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, was adopted, and will be published in detail in the Woman's Home Missions. Owing to the protracted illness of Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, no report was received from the Bureau for East Southern States. Mrs. L. C. Runyan, of Hillsboro, O., secretary of Bureau for Middle Southern States, reported good work accomplished during the quarter, and commended the management of the school at Camden, S. C., where the average enrollment is 101, and average attendance 84. The faithful service of the teacher, Miss Levi, has won for herself golden opinions of the committee in charge of this work, and the petition that she be returned next year, and an assistant furnished, was granted. The executive ability of Miss Russell, as shown in the general management as superintendent of school at Asheville, N. C., was recognized by unanimous re-appointment. To the Lucy Hayes Band, Franklin Avenue Church, Cleveland, O., was given permission to adopt Cora Le as beneficiary in the Ashevile school.

Mrs. M. B. Hagans, secretary of the Bureau for West Southern States, submitted report, stating that the E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss., is being painted and renovated. The girls have been very ambitious this spring about the house and yard under the direction of Miss Johnson, who writes their beds of violets and crocuses are pictures of beauty. Great credit is due Miss Lindsey for the successful entertainment given by the girls, the proceeds of which were appropriated to refurbishing the parlor. A check for \$20 from a society at Fishkill, on the Hudson, increased this fund. The Peck Home, New Orleans, La., will be ready for occupancy in August, but may not be dedicated until October. The Mission Circle of Wilkesbarre, Pa., name and furnish the parlor and library in honor of Mrs. P. S. Bennett. The Golden Rule Mission Band of Baldwinville, N. Y., has taken the dining-room. The school-room is taken by Mrs. Wesley Smead, in memory of her husband, an early abolitionist of Ohio. The hall is taken by the University Avenue Church, of Syracuse, N. Y., in memory of Bishop and Mrs. Peck. The guest chamber is taken by the First Church of Syracuse. This church has also taken the superintendent's room. Mrs. M. Church, of Syracuse, takes a room in memory of her husband. Various auxiliaries are industriously preparing bedding and useful articles for the home.

Miss Lowry and Miss Johnson were assigned to work in New Orleans.

The report of Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Bryn Mawr, Pa., secretary of Bureau for Mormons, bears testimony to the fact that while missionaries in Utah have been sowing seed amidst tears and discouragements for years, they are now reaping in the fruitage of a rich harvest. In every mission and school the Lord is pouring out His Spirit on the people, and they are turning to Christ. One missionary writes:

"We have had a protracted meeting, and at the close forty young men organized themselves into a class to meet every Friday evening for the study of the Bible. These are children of Mormon parents. One man was converted who had been in the Mormon Church for over fifty years. Two years ago the W. H. M. Society opened a school here, and this is some of the results."

Miss Ethel Erickson, teacher at Spanish Fork, Utah, reports the average attendance of day pupils during the quarter as 70, with a Sunday-school of 45, and a young people's meeting well attended, with hopeful indications of increasing the number on the Lord's side.

Miss Sangstad's mission of carrying the gospel truth from place to place is working as the leaven of old.

Mrs. Goff stated that "Miss Mary Iverson, of Moron, has a good school, with an enrollment of 31; also a Sunday-school, with average attendance of 25, and interest on the increase. Two have united with the church, and twelve have been baptized. Miss Hosrud, of Richfield, has had an average monthly enrollment of 56 for the quarter, and has averaged forty-six visits each month to the many sick and needy.

Miss Arnett Erickson, of Salt Lake City, reports average enrollment of pupils 30, and faithful work given at the school.

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MAINE CONFERENCE.

Portland District.

Chestnut St., Portland. — A hearty and most enjoyable reception was given by the Chestnut St. Church and Sunday-school to their pastor, Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D. D., and his most estimable wife, on Monday evening, May 20. After an hour of friendly greetings, the formal reception exercises took place, Mr. Geo. H. Lord presiding, and Dr. Chas. O. Files acting as organist. After singing by the congregation, little Miss Violet Edwards is a neat recitation presented to Mrs. Whitaker, in the name of the children, a choice bouquet of flowers. Appropriate solo songs were sung by Mr. S. T. Eveleyn, Miss J. D. Thompson, and Miss L. Edwards. Then Mr. E. S. Everett, superintendent of the Sunday-school, in very happy words expressed the joy of the church and school that Bishop Hurst, in response to the unanimous request of the official board, had returned them their pastor and his wife for the third year. He then presented to Dr. Whitaker, in behalf of the church, whose great prosperity continues, a handsome black wallet revolving book case, and an elegant and richly-framed stitching by Camille Tonet. After remarks in response by the pastor, the audience sang "Blest be the tie," etc. The occasion was well worthy of such a sight before. Earnest prayers were offered and personal instruction given to the seekers.

On Saturday night, also, in response to the invitation to seekers of salvation, a dozen raised their hands. It is evident that the Spirit of God is here in our midst, and old-fashioned Methodist ways will succeed here as well as in other parts of the world. The church at Milan has a hopeful future. The old preaching place in another part of the city has been retained, and the pastor will be given an assistant.

Some changes were made in the administration of the Conference. There is now but one district, with Bro. Wm. Burt as presiding elder. Drs. Anna and T. Gay have located. It is decided to discontinue the *Nova Scienza*, and its editor, Dr. Caporaso, was assigned a station in the itinerant work. Two elementary schools have been established at Palermo and Pontedera. The latter reports 80 pupils by day, and 106 in the evening school during the winter. The girls' school at Rome, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., reports ten pupils, all recently converted. The Theological School reports six students, no more being desired till a second class is formed in September. The Bishop's earnest advice harmonized with the view of the writer, that our leading educational institution, combining Gymnasium, Lyceum or College, and Theological School, must be built at Rome, and over the years must be expanded.

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